of Maharashtra and Gujarat district-wise as on 31st October, 1993 ;

(b) what is the number of major hospitals among them and what facilities are available in these major hospitals ;

(c) the number of doctors and other special experts working is these major hospitals ;

(d) whether there are any vacancies of the specialised doctors in Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(e) what is the number of dispensaries without doctors in Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(f) what steps are being taken to improve the functioning of dispensaries and hospitals all over the country particularly in Gujarat and Maharashtra ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Difficulties faced by the Workers of Co-operative Societies

1308. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHI-NANDAN IAIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about difficulties being faced by workers of co-operative societies in getting permission to revive sick industrial units ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

(c) whether Government propose to set-up a Central Agency to examine such proposals of workers' societies for their speedy clearance ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): fa) to (d) According to the sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985, it is mandatory for management of a sick industrial company (large and medium) industries employing more than 50 persons and included in the first schedule to the industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). Revival of sick industrial companies through workers' cooperative is one of the measures envisaged under the Act. Proposals of workers for revival of sick industrial companies, whenever received, are considered on merits by the BIFR. Ministry of Labour as a matter of general policy does encourage, infer alia, rehabilitation schemes through workers' cooperatives. Industry-wise Tripartite Cqmmittees have resolved that at the enterprise level, the management and employees could get together and formulate rehabilitation proposals and bring up the same for consideration by the respective committee. Such proposals can also be cooperative based ones. So far no proposal of Workers' cooperatives for taking over sick industrial units in pursuance of these deliberations has been received.

Loss of Mandays

1309. SHRI MOHAMMEDBHAI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any Survey regarding loss of mandays in various States during 1992-93;

(b) if so, whether the State of West Bengal has stood first in loss of mandays and the State of Gujarat was lowest;

(c) if so, what are the main reasons for the loss of mandays in various States of the country; and

(d) what efforts are being made by Government to reduce these losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) Labour Bureau collect information cu mandays lost due to strikes, lockouts etc. According to available infor-mation, mandays lost in the State of West Bengal was the Highest during 1992 and 1993 (Jan—Sept). Mandays lost was not lowest in Gujarat considering the total

mandays loss in the country. However, information of mandays lost as a proportion to the mandays scheduled to work in the States is not available for the same period. The main reasons for mandays lost are indiscipline/violence, wages and allowances personnel, bonus etc.

(d) Industrial relations machinery both at the Centre and in the States are taking steps to resolve disputes and reduce work stoppages through preventive mediation, conciliation and arbitration.

Recovery of Provident Fund Arrears from FACT

1310. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 330 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st August, 1990; and state :

(a) whether any further action has been taken against the FACT management for the recovery of Provident Fund arrears ;

(b) if not, what steps are being taken to recover Provident Fund arrears from the public sector undertaking;

(c) whether Government have taken up the FACT case with the administrative ministry ; and

(d) if so, the results thereof, if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The RPFC had determined the total arrears of PF contribution recoverable in respect of the contractors' employees. The recovery certificates were issued but the same could not be executed due to the stay granted by the High Court of Kerala. The EPF authorities are taking necesary action to get the Court case expedited.

Guidelines issued by International Labour Organisation for Child Labour

1311. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Labour Organisation have issued some guidelnes relating to child labour; and

(:b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The International Labour Organisation's guidelines relating to child labour are enunciated through various ILO Conventions on children and young persons, more specifically Convention No. 138. This Convention States that the minimum age for admission to employment or work shall be not less than the age of completion of compulsory schooling.

Visit of Director General of International Labour Organisation to India

1312. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Director General of International Labour Organisation has visited India relating to orogramme connected with the working class ; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome of his visit and the reaction to the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit of Director General of the *in*ternational Labour Office, Mr. Michel Hansenne has been welcomed by Govt. His visit and paritcipation in informal tripartite discussions on the present status of social dimensions of economic reforms in India are expected to enable the ILO to realistically appreciate the situation and render necessary assistance.

Agreement Between F.C.I. Workers and the F.C.I. Management

1313. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will lie Minister of LABOUR be pleased to s ate :

(a) whether Government are aware that there had been an agreement dated